

Darke County Agricultural Society
Board of Directors Regular Meeting

January 7, 2026

- OFFICERS:** **MARLA WERNER – PRESIDENT, JAYDEN HICKS – VICE PRESIDENT,**
 HEIDI MAY – FAIR SECRETARY
- DIRECTORS:** **GLEN MOORE, DEAN NEFF, GREG PEARON, DAVE SINGER, RUSS SKAGGS,**
 CURTIS YOUNT
- CARETAKER:**
- ABSENT:** **CHRISTOPH KELLER – TREASURER, DAVID JAY**
- GUESTS:** Larry Campbell, Ann Poe, Kurt Wagner, Apollo Perez, Jana Deeter, Joel
 Brantingham, Larry Campbell, Wyatt Bubeck, Glori Rausch, Micah Arbogast,
 Holly Daugherty, Julia Arbogast, Connie Stollar, Kacey Stollar, Natasha Shilt,
 Martha Baker, Jessica Fisher, Betsy Petitjean, Tiffany Pope, Madison Werner,
 Jody Neff

Roll Call at 7:00pm

10 Members' present.

1. A somber meeting started on January 7th, as we honored our late friend and fellow board member, Christoph Keller, who passed away January 5, 2026.
2. The pledge was recited as was a statement on the death of our fellow board member, Christoph, followed by a moment of silence.
3. Agenda: Curtis moved and Jayden second, to approve the agenda. **Motion carried, (10-0)**
4. Minutes: Dean moved, Curtis second, to approve the minutes from the January meeting. **Motion carried, (9-0-1).**
5. Public Comment: None.
6. Junior Fair Report:
 - 57 Dairy Steers Tagged in. Around 50 last year
 - Community Service Wrapping went well
 - Updates are in everyone's email.
 - There is a turnover in Shelby County, so do not mix up changes there and here.
 - Working on finishing updates for the green section of the fair book.
7. Caretaker Report: Dave Jay was not present, but they are still working hard.
8. Secretary Report:
 - Heidi presented her secretary report. She also presented each board member with updates and notes on their desks.
 - Been working on box seats and venders.
 - Contracts and Fair book are getting updated and ready to go.

- Heidi did bring up doing a different process for Box Seats, meaning all people would have to make an account through an email and will receive tickets electronically. Glen moved to table this option to the next meeting, second by Curtis. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
 - Reports you are getting are not as accurate as the situation we are in, is not ideal.
 - Tractor Pullers Banquet is the 31st. Be sure to RSVP.
 - If all board members give \$23 more towards Christoph's fund, we will be able to buy a bench.
- 9.** Treasurers Report: No treasurers report was given.
- 10.** Record of Expenses: The expenses were presented. Jayden moved, Dean second to approve the record of expenses. **Motion carried, (7-0-3).**
- 11.** Contracts (Gratis): Heidi presented all gratis contracts. Curtis moved, Jayden second to approve the gratis contracts as presented. **Motion carried, (9-0-1).**
- 12.** Contracts (Paying): No paying Contracts.
- 13.** Director Reports:
- Russ: None
 - Dean: None
 - Curtis: Contacted Horseshoes, everything else is good.
 - Glen: Been working on box seat information and getting everything put together
 - Craig: Holly would like to add a Holland Lop Breed Sanction show. Craig moved, Jayden second to add this class. **Motion carried, (10-0).** Vickie Martin passed away as well. We are sending our love to the family.
 - Dave: None
 - Greg: None
 - Jayden: Remembered Christoph, we all will really miss him.
 - Marla: Thanked everyone for their continued support of the board. Christoph leaves a large void on the board.
- 14.** Old Business:
- Jayden moved, Curtis second to take Skillathon Update off of the table. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
 - Jayden moved, Dean second to approve the Skillathon Dates and Update through OSU Extension. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
 - No updates on Sheep sound.
 - Dave made a motion to have 3 Bar J rodeo to host a rodeo on Saturday, August 22, 2026, second by Jayden. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
 - Heidi has all OFMA information. Contact Heidi and Marla with any questions. The Queen will go over Wednesday, and the Pageant will be Thursday evening.
 - Craig moved and Dave second to turn in the Hinkle Report to the State at OFMA. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
- 15.** New Business:
- Sheriffs contract rebuttal will be discussed in executive.
 - The Tri-Village FFA Alumni would like to use our gates for their FFA Event. Dave moved, Craig second to allow this. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
 - Dean Crumpler came and requested a change in his spot and turn it over to his business partner. The Vender Committee will meet and discuss further.
 - Fair book is going well. Will send changes to commercial next week.

- Jayden presented the updated rates sheet which was on each board members' desk. Jayden moved, Glen second to approve the rates sheet with the increase of the Caretaker cost to \$150 per hour. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
 - The department secretaries were brought up. Jayden moved, Craig second to table the approval of Dept. Secretaries for 2026. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
 - Jayden presented a gates idea. The Sheriffs would like to open Vender Gate 7. They also recommended closing gate 3 and having it as only a walk-in gate from 8am to 8pm and leaving cars in 6am-8am and from 8pm-12am. Just food for thought.
16. Jayden made a motion to enter executive session, second by Craig, Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law & to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee. **Motion carried, (10-0).**
 17. Into executive session at 7:56 PM
 18. Out of executive session at 8:53 PM
 19. Jayden moved to accept the sheriff's contract as presented under separate cover. **Motion carried (8-2).**
 20. The board then shared stories and thoughts of Christoph to conclude the meeting
 21. Dave made a motion to Adjourn the meeting seconded by Craig, **motion carried (10-0).**
 22. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Approved a motion to accept the agenda, motion carried (10-0).**

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

- 2. Approved a motion to accept the minutes from the December 3, 2025 Meeting, motion carried (10-0).**

YEAHS: Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

ABSTAIN: Bowman

- 3. Approved a motion to accept the record of expenses as presented, motion carried (7-0-3).**

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs

NEAHS: None

ABSTAIN: May, Yount, Werner

- 4. Approved a motion to accept the gratis contracts as presented, motion carried (9-0-1).**

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount,

NEAHS: None

ABSTAIN: Werner

- 5. Approved a motion to table the ETIX box seat update process, motion carried (10-0).**

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

- 6. Approved a motion to add the Holland Lop Breed Sanction Show to the Rabbit Department, motion carried (10-0).**

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

- 7. Approved a motion to take Skillathon Updates off the Table, motion carried (10-0).**

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

- 8. Approved a motion to accept the proposed skillathon dates and update changes with option 3-OSU Extension Quiz, motion carried (10-0).**

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

- 9. Approved a motion to hold a rodeo with 3 Bar J rodeo on Saturday, August 22nd, 2026, motion carried (10-0).**

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

- 10. Approved a motion to submit the Hinkle Report to the State, motion carried (10-0).**

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

- 11. Approved a motion to allow the Tri-Village FFA Alumni to use the gates as Gratis, motion carried (10-0).**

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

- 12. Approved a motion to accept the proposed rate sheet changes, motion carried (10-0).**

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

13. Approved a motion to table department secretaries to the next meeting, motion carried (10-0).

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

14. Approved a motion to enter executive session, motion carried (10-0).

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None

15. Approved a motion to accept the Sheriffs contract as presented under separate cover, motion carried (8-2).

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs

NEAHS: Yount, Werner

16. Approved a motion to accept the agenda, motion carried (10-0).

YEAHS: Bowman, Hicks, May, Moore, Neff, Pearson, Singer, Skaggs, Yount, Werner

NEAHS: None